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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] Adm ROB'T B CARNEY, chief of Naval operations, *at launching of the Nautilus, 1st atomic submarine*: "It is a symbol of man's dreaming—his bright dreams, certainly; and, if man is not wise, nightmares, too." . . . [2] Rep DAN'L A REED (R-NY) chmn, tax-writing House Ways & Means Comm: "We cannot expect to bolster a peacetime or semi-peacetime economy with wartime taxes. Our economic health demands more tax cuts. . . ." . . . [3] HENRY CABOT LODGE, chief U S delegate to UN: "I would rather see the U S respected than loved by other nations." . . . [4] Jos W MARTIN, JR (R-Mass) Speaker of the House, *castigating economic pessimists*: "These 4-alarm prophets of doom are of a political persuasion that is either downright left-wing, or friendly to it. They get up each morning with their mouths tasting like back issues of the *New Republic*." . . . [5] Rep SAM RAYBURN (D-Tex) House minority leader, *expressing hope that defense bud-*

Quotes of the Week

VYACHESLAV M MOLOTOV, Soviet For'gn Minister, *at Big 4 Conf in Berlin*: "The sooner that the great popular state, the People's Republic of China, participates in negotiations about current internat'l questions, so much better will it be for the strengthening of peace between peoples."

JOHN FOSTER DULLES, U S Sec'y of State: "The U S will not agree to join in a 5-power conf with the Chinese communist aggressors (to) deal generally with the peace of the world. (We do not deny the regime exists, or that it has power.) It is one thing to recognize evil as a fact. It is another thing to take evil to one's breast and call it good."

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get has not been cut too deeply: "I would much rather be alive with an empty pocketbook than dead with a full one."

FOURTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION



The President's Economic Message, delivered last wk, was in effect a summing up and foundationing of earlier proposals. It is important because action in many realms is premised on the maintenance of sound economic health.

The economic views thus far presented to Congress and the nation will now come up for study by the Joint Committee on the Economic Report. (You may have lost track of this group; they didn't cut much of a figure last yr, but are better prepared for action in '54.) Congress will get a rep't from the Economic Committee in about 6 wks.

We may now consider tentatively "the Eisenhower technique" in the handling of Congress. You have noted that the President has consistently avoided attaching a "must" label to any proposal. He has made it clear all along that Congress is

"on its own." At the same time Mr Eisenhower has reviewed, in advance of presentation, each individual item with the responsible leaders of the various committees. This is smart handling. It accomplished the desired purpose, yet gives key Senators and Representatives a chance to shine; they can sponsor the bills and thus strengthen their records for the coming elections. And (not to be overlooked) this strategy permits Democrats to join gracefully in what is essentially Congressionally-inspired rather than Administration-dictated legislation.

Certainly no one, including the President, expects that all of the Eisenhower proposals will be favorably acted upon. They are primarily *suggestions* for the guidance of Congress. We observe here a return to the historic concept of Congressional responsibility.

The new session is moving along more smoothly and effectively than anyone anticipated. Some hope is expressed that for once Congress may be able to adjourn on time (July 1). And that's important to legislators in an election yr.



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Charles McGovern



ACTION—1

Theory is all to the good. But action is more to the point.—STEPHANE JOS PIAT, *Principles & Paradoxes of the Militant Life* (Franciscan Herald Press).

ADOLESCENCE—2

A high school girl has the energy of a miniature atomic bomb, the lungs of an auctioneer, the curiosity of a cat, the imagination of Edgar A Poe, the fault-finding ability of a bookkeeper, the irresponsibility of a butterfly, and the friendliness of a bus driver.—Joyce Bass, *Chatterbox*, published by Geo Washington High School, Danville, Va.

ATOMIC AGE—3

We are all nat'ns standing at this hr of human history before the portals of supreme catastrophe or of measureless reward.—WINSTON CHURCHILL, *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*.

BIBLE—4

Voltaire said that in 100 yrs the Bible would be a forgotten book found only in museums. When the 100 yrs were up, Voltaire's home was occupied by the Geneva Bible Society.—*Friendly Thoughts*.

BIGOTRY—5

Every bigot was once a child. But no child was ever born a bigot. Fortunately, prejudice can be unlearned, as well as learned. What amazes me is how parents can become so excited about cor-

ruption in gov't or corruption in sports, yet remain complacent when bigotry corrupts their own children's personalities.—JACK HARRISON POLLACK, "How Not to Raise a Bigot," *Everywoman's*.

CHRISTIANITY—6

If one Communist in the gov't is of such great threat to all the people, why is it not also true that one Christian in the Gov't can become a nat'l blessing?—ROY L SMITH, "The Individual Does Count," *Christian Advocate*, 1-14-'54.

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Lines for a Chromium Cave-Dweller

We are rugged independent
individuals—but natch
Till the automatic pilot fails
and we can't find a match.
— VIRGINIA BRASIER, *Today's Health*. 7

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CONSERVATISM—8

One of the pleasant things about being a Mild Conservative is that if you stay put long enough the world sooner or later comes around again to your way of thinking. This principle is summed up by my favorite slogan, which is: "Onward to Yesterday!"—WILLIAM I NICHOLS, editor of *This Week*, in *Saturday Review*.

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Budget Director Jos Dodge recently talked for an hr and a half at a press conf. He slipped only once and said "billion" when he meant "million." It's an easy mistake—and one often made here.

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Last wk senators who, up to that time, hadn't taken a stand on the controversial Bricker Amendment were being termed "Gold Brickers."

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Recently an inspector for Washington's boiler and smoke division, was making some notes on a pad in an alley back of the Russian Embassy, after an inspection next door. Promptly several Russians appeared on the scene asking what he was up to. Inspector's comment: "They must spend all their time looking out of windows."

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Undiplomatic note: At a Peruvian Embassy party, held in a snowstorm here, limousines of 4 diplomats smashed into each other in front of the Embassy. . . Altho Turkey is famous for its tobacco, neither Turkey's President Celal Bayar nor Mme Bayar smoke. (They have just begun a 27-day tour of the U S.). . . New commemorative coin marks 300th b'day of Northampton, Mass — a city that has in its time produced 4 Cabinet officers, 4 U S senators, 3 House mbrs and 2 governors. In addition, presidents Coolidge and Pierce studied law there.

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DEMOCRACY—9

Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half of the time.—ELWYN BROOKS WHITE, *Kentucky School Jnl.*

EDUCATION—10

Education is the biggest business in America. It has the largest number of owners, the most extensive and costly plant, and utilizes the most valuable raw material. It has the greatest number of operators. It employs our greatest investment in money and time, with the exception of nat'l defense. Its product has the greatest influence on both America and the world.—CHAS R SLIGH, Jr, Pres, Nat'l Ass'n of Mfrs.

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This is education — it is quiet words, long thoughts and careful actions tearing apart the walls of our dark, frightening ignorance.—JAS MALOF, *Student Life.*

FEAR—11

Fear actually is related to love, as are all passions. Fear is the emotion that rises in us when there is a danger facing something or someone that we love, (such as) our good name, our children, our fortune. The catalogue of fears is the catalogue of loves. Love is attraction for an object; fear is flight from it.—Bishop FULTON J SHEEN, *Life Is Worth Living* (McGraw-Hill).

FREEDOM—12

The struggle of our times is the struggle to preserve the integrity and creativity of the free mind.—ADLAI STEVENSON, *American Federationist.*

Mining The Magazines



The Republican periodical which we discussed with you some wks ago, has now come forth in the form of a 4-page "fact sheet" called *Straight From the Shoulder*—A Jnl of Political Fact. If you are merely an interested bystander you aren't likely to see this publication since "it is not for sale by subscription, newsstand or shillelagh." It is in essence an organization manual (what industry would term an internal house organ.) Present plan is to issue the bulletin monthly, mailing it as a "pep message" to all Republican workers, right down to the lowliest precinct chmn. Since there is no subscription charge this mailing cannot qualify for 2nd class rate. Thus postage may well be the largest single item in the budget.

A *Popular Mechanics* survey reveals that of the people who plan to build new homes this yr, more than half will do some of the work themselves. *Hardware Retailer* (Jan) reviewing the "do-it-yourself" mkt, gives a pointed reason for the decision of householders to take up hammer and saw: "A man earning \$6,000 yrly must make \$302 to pay \$200 labor for a home repair. That \$302 is a gross income figure before taxes, social security, etc, take their bites out of it."

Zelda Popkin, writing in *Coronet* (Jan) thinks something has gone sour in America: "We have lost

T HARRY THOMPSON, writing in *Sales Mgt*, notes the essence of a poignant story, as gleaned from the classified ad col's: "Will exchange evening gown, worn only once at a ball, for a perambulator."

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the habit of the kind word." (Too much criticism and belittling of our shining achievements in science, medicine, industry) "It is a state of mind which we may well examine as a sign of poor mental health."

John Foster Dulles, in *Nation's Business*: "For'gn policy is not the function of an elite corps; it is the result of the democratic process in action."

Contributing to the discussion of "a woman for President" as instigated by Harry Truman, Sen Margaret Chase Smith (R-Me) is quoted in *U S News & World Rept*: "Women are people, and people, if they are qualified and have the votes, can be elected to the job." (At the risk of intruding a wry note, we suggest that the accuracy of the foregoing would not be impaired by elimination of the words, "are qualified and. . .")

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The Bitter Cup . . .

Sen GEO D AIKEN (R-Vt) on rising coffee prices: "If everybody in the country would drink a glass of milk a day it would help solve the problem, and make people healthier besides." . . . Sen MARGARET CHASE SMITH (R-Me): "I think all this fuss is perfectly ridiculous. I believe I'll have a cup of tea." . . . Irate coffee-drinker, in a letter to her Congressman: "These racketeers . . . have cornered the world's coffee mkt and are fattening their lousy bankrolls on the misery of the masses." . . . THOS WEBB SEXTON, pres, Thos J Webb Coffee Co: "It looks like Brazil is trying to solve its whole economic situation at our expense." 13

GIFTS—Giving—14

No matter how much we do or how much we give to a person in need, no matter how lovingly we offer our alms, we should not look upon our good deeds otherwise than as a poor effort to fulfill an obligation, to repay a debt. — E BOYD BARRETT, *The Quest of Honor* (Bruce).

GOOD—Evil—15

I never yet knew any man so bad but some have thought him honest and afforded him love, nor ever any so good but some have thought him evil and hated him. —OWEN FELLTHAM, *American Federationist*.

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GROWTH—16

One cannot hurry the growth which has its origin deep within a person nor can this growth be measured day by day or at any inflexible stated time, for it is the process by which the individual selects and rejects that which will be made into his very being.—MARION NESBITT, *Childhood Education*.

HUMOR—17

Pious people who impute a virtue to their dullness have done a great disservice to religion, by making it easy for sinners to dismiss heaven as a place filled with intolerable bores. Religiosity without charm or humor creates more rebels than converts. God cannot be solemn, or he would not have blessed man with the incalculable gift of laughter.—SYDNEY J HARRIS, *Chicago News*.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY—18

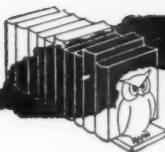
The major ingredient of a gang boy's existence is boredom.—DALE KRAMER & MADELINE KARR, *Teen-Age Gangs* (Holt).

KNOWLEDGE—19

Man must master his world, but in order to do so, he must know it.—DAG HAMMARSKJOLD, "The UN and the Political Scientist," *American Political Science Review*, 12-'53.

LIFE—Living—20

A man spends the 1st 30 yrs of his life throwing rocks at the target; the next 30 yrs examining the target to see where the rocks hit; and from then on, he sits around and cusses rock throwing in gen'l.—P-K Sideliner, hm, Peter Kuntz Co.



Book Briefs

Yr-end figures now being tabulated indicate that some 250 million copies of pocket-size books were printed and distributed in '53. Note carefully our phrasing of the preceding sentence. There's a distinction between *distributing* and *selling*. Since all paper-bounds are fully returnable, the industry never knows just where it stands. In a recent survey of the paper-book situation, *Barron's* estimates that the inventory of pocket-size vol's in warehouses (all potentially returnable) may run 175 million, or two-thirds of peak annual sales. Industry plans more books of lasting value, which can be ret'd to retail racks if they don't sell the 1st time.

In our self-imposed task of keeping you informed as to the latest in astral adventure, we now make brief mention of *Conquest of the Moon* to which a number of reputable scientists have contributed under the editorial direction of Cornelius Ryan (Viking). This book grew out of a symposium which appeared in *Collier's* some time ago. It is divided into sections describing the bldg of the ship, the space station (1st stop en route) the course, landing and exploration. In contrast to most books on stellar flight, which have little or nothing to say about what we'll do when we get there, this one tells what scientists expect to find; how they purpose to explore. And here's a footnote to disturb

The bulletin bd in the Yale Club lobby, which lists recent library acquisitions by category, has *Drinking in College*, by Bacon & Straus, under "Philosophy & Religion."—*New Yorker*.

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the vaguely complacent: Space station may be built in 10 or 15 yrs; 1st voyage to the moon possibly within 25 yrs. Space suits on sale at Sears before the turn of the century!

Pres Eisenhower's pastor, Dr Edw L R Elson, of Nat'l Presbyterian Church, is completing a book, *God and America*, for early fall publication. He cites the leadership of a religious President as a factor in the reclamation of our nat'l spiritual heritage.

We are glad to note that Walter C Kelly (renowned these many yrs as vaudeville's "Virginia Judge") has perpetuated in his autobiography, *Of Me I Sing* (Dial) one of our favorite stories: The priest met Mary O'Toole and asked what she was concealing under her cape. She said it was holy water. The priest reached for the bottle, uncorked it and sniffed. "Why, Mary," he protested, "this isn't holy water; this is gin." Whereupon Mary crossed herself and exclaimed, "Glory be to God, another miracle!"

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On Public Talk

When he assumed the presidency of Birmingham & Midland Institute, in Birmingham, England 70 yrs ago, JAS RUSSELL LOWELL (whose 135th anniv we are to mark on Feb 22) made these humorous remarks as a prelude to his address on "Democracy."

When it is so simple if not so easy a thing to hold one's peace, why add to the gen'l confusion of tongues? There is something disheartening, too, in being expected to fill up not less than a certain measure of time, as if the mind were an hour-glass that need only be set on end to run its allotted 60 min's with decorous exactitude.

I recollect being once told by the late eminent naturalist, Agassiz, that when he was to deliver his 1st lecture as professor (at Zurich, I believe) he had grave doubts of his ability to occupy the prescribed three-quarters of an hr. He was speaking without notes, and glancing anxiously from time to time at the watch that lay before him on the desk. "When I had spoken for a half hr," he said, "I had told them everything I knew in the world—everything! Then I began to repeat myself, and I have done nothing else ever since."

Beneath this humorous exaggeration is a very serious and improving moral. And yet if one were to say only what he had to say and then stopped, his audience would feel defrauded.

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MARRIED LIFE—21

Two can live as cheaply as one if one is a vegetarian and the other a nudist on a diet.—*Merchandising News*.
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The best thing for newlyweds to feather their nest with is plenty of cash down.—*Banking*.

MATURITY—22

The essential thing about an individual is not so much the number of years he has lived as the psychological competence that these years have netted him. Thus, not all adults are adult. Many who look grown-up on the outside may be childish on the inside.—H A OVERSTREET, *The Mature Mind*.

MODERN AGE—23

Sometimes we wonder just where our electrical-mechanical age is taking us. We got to wondering like this the other night at a cocktail party held in the host's basement playroom. The cocktails were mixed in a sealed plastic shaker—in the automatic washing machine. Couldn't help thinking of our pioneer forefathers. — *Montrealer*.

POLITICS—24

The intimate politics of the cracker barrel have been replaced by the grim politics of the atomic pile.—PENDLETON HERRING, "On the Study of Gov't," *American Political Science Review*, 12-'53.

PRAYER—25

When asked recently on a British Broadcasting Corp'n radio interview how he would like people to remember him when he was dead Evelyn Waugh repl'd: "In their prayers."—JUANITA GILMORE, *Books on Trial*.

Pathways to the Past



Week of
Feb 21-27

Feb 21 — Sexagesima Sunday
(2nd Sunday before Lent, 8th before Easter). *Brotherhood Sunday.*

Feb 22 — Washington's Birthday
(marking 222nd anniv of his b in 1732)... 170 yrs ago (1784) *Empress of China* sailed from N Y; 1st voyage of an American merchantman to China. Ret'd 15 mo's later with cargo of silk and tea... 135 yrs ago (1819) U S bought Fla from Spain for \$5 million, or about the value of one of Miami's present-day luxury hotels... Jas Russell Lowell, American poet and critic b 135 yrs ago (1819)... 1st meeting of Republican Party held 100 yrs ago today (1854). It was an informal gathering of anti-slavery factions of Whig and Free Democratic parties of Mich. The new party name was not suggested until a month later when another group met at Ripon, Wis... 75 yrs ago (1879) Frank W Woolworth opened his 1st 5-and-10-c store in Utica, N Y... 45 yrs ago today (1909) a U S warship fleet steamed into Hampton Roads, Va, completing a world tour; 1st fleet to circumnavigate the globe.

Feb 23—1st issue of *American Mercury*, edited by H L Mencken and Geo Jean Nathan, began attracting attention of *literati* 30 yrs ago (1924).

Feb 24—Feast of St Matthias... The steam shovel is 115 yrs old today; pat'd by Wm S Otis, 1839.

... 1st multi-stage rocket fired, White Sands Proving Ground, N M, 5 yrs ago (1949).

Feb 25—150 yrs ago (1804) Republican Congressional caucus unanimously nominated Thos Jefferson for President. Our 1st political convention, in the modern sense. (Admittedly a little confusing, but what was then called the Republican Party is the present Democratic Party)... 1st savings bank in U S (Philadelphia Savings Fund Society) estab 135 yrs ago (1819)... Oregon started something 35 yrs ago—1st state to enact a gasoline tax (1919).

Feb 26—15th Amendment passed by Congress 85 yrs ago (1869); ratified 1870. ("The right of citizens of the U S to vote shall not be denied or abridged on acc't of race, color or previous condition of servitude.")... Grand Canyon Nat'l Pk estab by act of Congress 35 yrs ago (1919)... 5 yrs ago today (1949) a B-50 superfortress left Carswell Air Force base, Ft Worth, on what was to be the world's 1st round-the-world non-stop flight. Averaging 249 mph, the flight took 94 hrs and one minute.

Feb 27—Plans developed for hydro-electric plant at Niagara Falls, 60 yrs ago (1894). Our 1st large-scale use of natural water power... Sit-down strike outlawed by a Supreme Ct decision 15 yrs ago (1939).

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"Of all things!"

For half a century cartographers have been dreaming of a world map based on one standardized scale. Formation of the United Nations Organization has hastened the undertaking. And now at last the UN Cartographic Office has become the center of an internat'l project. A decision has finally been reached to draw the map on a "one-to-a-million" scale. This means that every 16 mi's of the earth's surface is to be represented by one inch of map area. On this basis, a thousand large sheets will be req'd to produce a map of the earth's land surfaces.

A surprising revelation is that only one tenth of the world's surface is presently covered by scientifically-accurate maps in the prescribed scale. (Even the U S has never been thus mapped!) Europe is mapped in its entirety in the "one-to-a-million" scale. The Soviet Union also has been charted on this scale.

Several yrs will be needed to complete the project. In some remote sections the map work must await field surveys. In such cases, new aerial cameras and electronic devices will be employed. Radar and helicopter will also serve to speed the work.

Scale reductions of the huge map will of course be made in due course. It is hoped that the "one-to-a-million" scale will henceforth be accepted as a world standard for all area maps.

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RACE RELATIONS—26

Either a racial group has a full right to exist, to live in our midst, or not at all; there is no half-way ground. In America there must be no toleration—people who live here, work here and carry the label American have an equal right with us, with all others, to be here and exercise a full part in the American way of life. There must not be toleration, only full acceptance.—*Spectator*.

SCIENCE—27

Science can flourish only in a society that guarantees freedom of conscience and freedom of speech to all of its members. — GERARD PIEL, "Science and the Next Fifty Yrs," *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, 1-'54.

SECURITY—28

The (present-day) search for security seems to be indicated in the emphasis on conformity—on not sticking your neck out. — MERLE CURTI, "Human Nature in American Thought," *Political Science Quarterly*, 12-'53.

THOUGHT—29

Note that it is as a man thinks—not *what* he thinks—that determines what kind of a person he is. It is his mental *attitude*—his *habitual* way of reacting to people and things and events—that tells the story. Whether he will be forceful or timid, selfish or kind, cheerful or gloomy, suspicious or trustful will be determined by the day after day *pattern* of thinking. Not only his personality but his very character is tailored from this pattern. Perhaps no two patterns were ever alike. God trusts every man with the shears.—*Whatsoever Things*, Stetson Univ.

VALUES—30

All that can be said in praise of our epoch makes it all the more necessary to raise one's voice and to combat the specific errors and perversions of our times. The greater our awareness of the importance of this hr, the better our understanding of the objective theme of this epoch, the greater our responsibility to try to uncover that real theme, to attempt to expose attitudes and trends that endanger its fulfillment.—DIETRICH VON HILDEBRAND, *The New Tower of Babel* (Kenedy).

WAR—Cost—31

The cost of killing one man in war is now estimated at \$250,000. How long will it take the world to conclude that internat'l crime does not pay?—Greensboro (N C) *Daily News*.

WAR—Peace—32

If we think the survival of man worth while, we must have as our goal the total prevention of large scale wars. The only way to secure this is to have in the world only one armed force possessed of a monopoly of the major weapons of war. Unless such a single armed force is created in the next 50 yrs. it seems hardly likely that man will survive. — BERTRAND RUSSELL, "The Danger to Mankind," *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, 1-'54.

WORLD RELATIONS—33

There exists an internat'l community encompassing the entire world, which has no gov't and which is destined either to be ruthlessly dominated by totalitarianism or to be federated by democracy.—ROSE L. HUMBER, *Kentucky School Jnl*.

In Brief

If you have been stewing over the fact that each new beneficiary under Social Security absorbs the income from about 5 contributors, you can relax, at least momentarily. Uncle Sam has it all figured out, according to a *Wall St Jnl* item. Of course rising tax rates will help some. But big point is that with growing population, more people will be entering the working force. Their contributions for many yrs to come will tend to exceed total paid to beneficiaries. Of course there will be an eventual day of reckoning.

A Gallup poll conducted in 8 N Atlantic countries gives Uncle Sam doubtful distinction of being champion insomniac. Last yr 3½ billion sleeping pills were sold in the U S. That's an average of slightly more than 20 for each American! * City officials who have been figuring on a bit of extra revenue thru rental of parking-meter space to advertisers, may be slowed a bit by a Philadelphia court decision. Judge ruled that proposed ads would infringe the rights of abutting property owners to the streets.

The Howard Johnson Co (they operate those restaurants along the Pennsylvania Turnpike, you know) will soon launch a separate division to go into the motel business. * Australian newspapers are granting special allowances for formal evening clothes to reporters who cover functions during Queen Elizabeth's visit.

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Good Stories.....

you can use

Lovable character actor Chas Coburn was invited to join a group who, every Fri night, play dance records and do a lot of fast mam-bas and Charlestons. "No, thanks," he replied, "those things bore me. I never know what to do with myself while they're changing records."—ERSKINE JOHNSON, *Photoplay*. a

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One sweet young thing to another: "I could go out with him until something better comes along—but what if something better comes along—and sees me going with him?"—*Fifth Wheel*, hm, Indiana Motor Truck Ass'n. b

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A sweet young lady oyster was confiding to her girl friend about her romance with a dashing young lobster. "He's dark, handsome, and real smooth," she sighed. "He took me to that secluded rock near the sandbar, looked into my eyes, whispered sweet nothings in my ear, put his arms around me, and . . ."

As she uttered these last words, she clutched at her throat, "Oh, good heavens—my pearls!"—ETHEL KENYON, *American Wkly*. c

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A Londoner visiting St Andrews for the first time determined to try a round of golf. Furnishing himself with the usual implements and a caddie, he went out before breakfast.

It seemed quite easy, and his first drive was a terrific swipe.

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

AL SPONG

The chairman of a civic group turned to the luncheon speaker and asked if, in the course of his talk, he planned to tell any stories.

"Well, yes," said the speaker. "I heard a good one the other day about two Jews who were walking down the street . . ."

"Oh, I'm a little afraid of that one," interposed the chairman. "We don't want to give any offense. Couldn't you use some other race in your story? Make it Indians, or Arabs, or something."

So in due course the speaker arose and began: "Once there were two Indians walking down the street. They were on their way to the synagogue..."

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When the turf had ceased to descend he turned, somewhat dazed, to the caddie and asked: "What did I hit just now, my lad?"

Came the reply: "Scotland, sir."
—*Tit-Bits*, London. d

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The univ class in short-story writing was told to write a story with an unexpected ending or "twist". Highest grade was given to the following:

"Will you marry me?" he asked. "No," she repl'd.

And they lived happily ever after.—*Louisville Courier-Jnl Mag*. e

Wise

Cracks

"I'm a bit worried about my wife," a man told his friend. "She was talking in her sleep and saying, 'No, Frank; no, Frank!'"

"Well, what are you worried about?" demanded the friend. "She said 'No', didn't she?"—*Isotopics.* f

The 4-yr-old daughter of a friend of mine was accustomed to pray for everyone in a rather large family. She always concluded, "Please bless Daddy and Mommy and Jimmy."

One evening before she could finish, Jimmy, her 5-yr-old brother, who was kneeling beside her, became tired of so much blessing. "Don't bless me, I'll bless myself," he said and began his own brief prayer.—*ANNIE LAURIE VON TUNGELN, Parents' Mag.* g

A bebopper's wife, concerned about his behavior, coaxed him into seeing a psychiatrist. After an hr with the patient, the doctor emerged from his office and said, "Madam, I must tell you that your husband is crazy."

"I know that," said the wife. "But what's wrong with him?"—*ERSKINE JOHNSON, Photoplay.* h

Ozzie Nelson's 12-yr-old Rickie was pop-eyed when told that he paid \$6,000 income tax on earnings from his TV acting. "Gee," he said, "how much money is that?"

His 16-yr-old brother, David, had a quick answer: "It's about 5 Cadillac's worth." — *ERSKINE JOHNSON, Photoplay.* i

A modern teen-ager is a youngster who wants more out of life than there is in it.—*DAN BENNETT.*

All it takes to like some people better is a chance to see less of them.—*O A BATTISTA.*

Nowadays, an old-fashioned girl is one who doesn't like martinis.—*VESTA M KELLY.*

The next step will be a cigaret with built-in cough medicine.—*Changing Times.*

Toastmaster: a guy who introduces a man who needs no introduction.—*Greenville (Tenn) Sun.*

We don't expect the legislature to do anything for us; we just hope it doesn't do anything to us.—*Elizabethtown (Ky) News.*

Just when you get enough money to buy something you had classed as a luxury, it ceases to be a luxury.—*RAY D EVERSON, Indiana Farmers Guide.*

If you keep your mouth shut long enough, somebody will suspect that you have more than the usual amount of common sense.—*Friendly Thoughts.*

Quote

"Glad to see you getting to school on time these mornings," said the teacher.

"Yes, sir, I've got a parrot now," said the student.

"A parrot! Why not an alarm clock?"

"I never seem to hear alarm clocks," explained the youth. "But now I've got this parrot. And what the parrot says when the alarm wakes him up is enough to wake up anybody."—*Lion*. j

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A horse in Pennsylvania was by way of being a mathematical genius. Not content with tapping out correct answers to problems in addition and subtraction with his hoof on the barn floor, he mastered algebra and trigonometry, too. Came the day, however, when his overambitious trainer attempted to teach him analytic geometry and brought on, instead, a complete nervous breakdown—a predictable result of trying to put Descartes before de horse.—*BENNETT CERF, Saturday Review*. k

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A man was leading a flock of sheep down the main street of a small village when he was ordered to halt by the town constable.

"What's wrong?" the sheep herder asked. "I have a small flock of ewes, and I was just going to turn off onto a side street."

"That's the trouble," the constable replied. "No ewe turns are permitted on Main St in this town."—*Wall St Jnl*. l

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Overheard in the exchange line at Macy's, one lady to another: "Oh, I loved it, frankly, but you know what bad taste I have."—*New Yorker*. m

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A man was applying for employment with a certain industry and asked the personnel mgr: "Does your company pay my Blue Cross insurance?"

"No, you pay for it; it's deducted from your salary each mo," he was informed.

"Last place I worked they paid for it," the applicant said.

"Did they give you a life insurance policy, too?" the interviewer asked.

"Sure."

"Profit sharing?"

"Sure."

"Two and 3-wk vacations?"

"Yes, and they had big bonuses, and gifts for your birthday, and—"

"Why did you leave?"

"The company folded."—*Texas & Pacific Topics*. n

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It was quite an important preview of a new film adapted from a novel by a very popular writer. Afterwards he was asked what he thought of it. "Excellent," he replied. "Who wrote the story?" "You did," was the answer. "We got it from your book."

"I wouldn't have known it," said the author. "But it would make an excellent novel. Mind if I use it?"

"Of course not," came the reply, "so long as you give us an option on the film rights."—*Tidens Tegn* (Norway). o

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"Didn't you hear me yelling at you to stop?" asked the irate cop.

"Yes, I did hear someone yelling," the woman driver repl'd.

"Then why in heaven's name didn't you stop?" asked the cop.

"Why," she said innocently, "I thought it was someone I had run over."—*L & N Mag*, hm, Louisville & Nashville Ry. p

Especially dreadful situations sometimes get especially prompt relief. The owner of an RCA TV set that went on the blink called the nearest RCA service agency and outlined his plight to the switchboard operator. "How many sets do you have in your home?" she asked. He said that this was the only one. "Oh," she said. "In that case I'll connect you with 'Emergency.'"—*New Yorker*. q

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In Hollywood, says Ed Wynn, it's difficult sometimes to tell the difference between a genius and a guy in the midst of a nervous breakdown. — *ERSKINE JOHNSON, Photoplay*. r



Valentine for Politicians

You politicians, either party,
You'll get my love and find it
 heartly
If you but do these things I ask—
A hard, but not a hopeless, task:
Make fewer promises, and when
You've made them, keep them now
 and then;
Make fewer speeches, too, and these
A good deal shorter, if you please;
Be careful with that cash you spend,
For some of it was mine, my friend;
And finally, unlike the mob,
Come, pay attention to the job,
Instead, as it has been detected,
To ways of being re-elected.
If you do these few things—well,
 fine,
You'll be, I swear, my Valentine,
And I'll be yours, as will be found
When next elections roll around.

President Eisenhower's favorite story:

It is about the time he landed in Africa. His shoes didn't fit. It was raining cats and dogs, so he slipped on a raincoat and put another over his head like a cape and went to the tent where a sergeant was issuing shoes. Ike had a slip with the right size shoes marked on it and handed it to the sergeant.

The sergeant could not tell the rank of the rain-soaked applicant. Cigarette in mouth, the sergeant came back with a shoe in either hand just as Ike, with rain running down his neck, threw back the rain cape. The sergeant, taking one look at all those stars, dropped cigarette and shoes as he exclaimed, "Holy smoke, it's the milky way!"—*Boston Globe* s

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A German, visiting Paris, was idly passing the time at a street cafe with a French acquaintance. Asked how they determined the difference between an optimist and a pessimist in Germany, he replied: "Ach! That is easy. The optimists are all learning to speak English, while the pessimists are learning Russian."—*Wall St Jnl.* t

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A friend, back in Paris after 4 yrs, incautiously chose an unfamiliar restaurant. The meal was terrible, and he called the waiter to complain. Yes, the waiter agreed, the food was awful. Why not try the little place across the road? My friend asked why the waiter was so sure it was good. "Because I own it," he repl'd. "This," he shrugged at his surroundings, "is where I find my customers."—*New Statesman and Nation*, London. u

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Quote-ettes

HARRY S TRUMAN: "Sometimes I wish I hadn't undertaken these doggone memoirs. By the time I finish paying taxes, I won't have any profit from them." 1-Q-t

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Mrs MARGARET KATZIN, Winnetka, Ill, *abandoning an all-female African wild-game hunt to ret'n to civilization*: "There were too many women and not enough animals." 2-Q-t

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DOLORES MARTIN, Detroit, *arrested for forgery*: "I know I did something wrong, but I'm not guilty any more. I burned the money." 3-Q-t

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